

General Rules - Appendix C

All individuals partaking in controlled hunts will use only archery equipment and be issued antlerless tags (see Line 17). Said hunts within the City of Onalaska must follow WiDNR rules and regulations up to and including:

1. Licensing, Permits, and Testing

- a. Individual must pass the Proficiency Test and returned the signed form - Appendix A & B from La Crosse Archery.
- b. Applicant must have a current WiDNR archery license, be able to supply his/her WiDNR customer service number.
- c. Applicant must have an understanding of the General Rules and Shooting Safely & Ethically - Appendix C & D
- d. Individual must pass the Bowhunter Exam - Appendix E
- e. Applicant must have completed and returned the City of Onalaska Urban Deer Application (UDA). Note if participating on Private Lands, the UDA will include landowners' signatures denoting permission for said applicant to access his/her land to participate in the Controlled Hunt.
- f. Individual must have been granted City of Onalaska Controlled Hunt Permit – WiDNR Nuisance Permit.
- g. Harvest Report cards – Appendix F
- h. Special Group Hunt Application – Appendix G

****Note if the individual passes said *Proficiency* and *Bowhunter Exam* and stays within the rules and regulations of said hunt, said testing will be waived for a period of 5 years. The City of Onalaska has the right to change testing parameters and fee structure when it deems necessary**

2. While participating in a hunt, individuals must have on their person:

- a. Current WiDNR Archery back tag and license.
- b. WiDNR Nuisance Permit
- c. Their copy of the City UDA

A. While accessing Private Lands, the permittee must:

- a. Obtain landowners' permission in writing on the City of Onalaska Urban Deer Application and/or WiDNR Nuisance Permit, prior to hunting activity unless hunting the permittee's lands.
- b. Must park and enter lands through said owners' access points such as driveways, sidewalks, and gates.

B. Individuals accessing Public Lands:

- a. Must have in their possession, the city UDA and the WiDNR nuisance permit for that hunt.
- b. Must use assigned parking areas and designated trails listed within the "special rules" provided by the Parks Department for controlled hunts on public lands.
- c. Must have knowledge of public lands extent.
- d. If the public lands have been divided into sub-zones per the UDA, participants must stay in their assigned zones unless in the act of game or arrow retrieval.

3. While participating in a controlled hunt in the City of Onalaska, all bows are required to be cased while traveling from the vehicle to the stand and vice versa.

4. Tree/Elevated Stands & Blinds:

A. On Private Land:

- 1) Elevated stands and blinds are allowed.
- 2) If accessing private lands and permission is granted by the landowners listed on the UDA, otherwise:
 - a. No screw-in steps, nails, or screws for climbing can be driven into trees.
 - b. No shooting is allowed from buildings.
 - c. Stands can be placed prior to hunt date, but must be removed 24 hours after permitted hunt ends.
- 3) Stands or blinds have to be a minimum of 200' from a dwelling on land not awarded access to the individual by written permission of the adjoining landowner prior to hunting.

B. On Public Lands & Parks

- 1) All stands/blinds must be portable.
- 2) No screw-in steps, nails, or screws from climbing can be driven into trees.
- 3) Stands can be placed no more than 24 hours prior to the permitted start of the hunt, and must be removed 24 hours after the permitted hunt ends.
- 4) Stands/blinds have to be a minimum of 200' from a dwelling or 100' from recreational trails.
- 5) All portable stands/blinds shall bear the name of the hunter visible within 5 feet.
- 6) The City of Onalaska is not responsible for unattended stands/blinds.
- 7) City reserves the right to regulate where stands are placed and shooting direction.
- 8) Shots shall not exceed 25 yards and must be oriented away from maintained roads, trails, and structures.
- 9) If individuals are hunting out of an elevated stand all safety precautions must be followed.

5. Deer drives are strictly prohibited. The definition of a deer drive is: the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing or otherwise directing deer so as to make animals more susceptible to harvest.

6. Hunting dates and hours are limited to those found in WiDNR regulations, but may include special dates and hours listed on WiDNR Nuisance Tag if more restricted than said WiDNR regulations per city needs.

7. On public lands, Urban Deer signage will be placed on park boundaries prior to hunts and shall list hunt dates accordingly.

8. Hunters must be aware of downrange areas and think safety first.

9. Shots should be limited to 25 yards in distance and oriented away from maintained roads, trails, and dwellings.
10. Shots are not allowed across property lines unless participant has obtained the property owner's permission in writing on the UDA prior to the hunt.
11. Hunters must have permission from landowners before retrieving arrows or game that have crossed property lines.
12. Hunters shall always use proper field dressing techniques and cooperate with the landowner on the location and disposition of entrails.
13. Harvested animals must be transported covered or enclosed in a manner as not to be seen by the public.
14. All deer harvested must be processed for their meat for personal use or donated to charity. A list of locker plants participating with existing WiDNR programs can be provided upon request.
15. Hunters' harvest is limited to the sex quota listed within the WiDNR Nuisance Permit.
 - a. All deer must be tagged only with the WiDNR Nuisance Permit backtag.
 - b. Registration of said deer harvested within the city must be done at La Crosse Archery, 1231 Oak Forest Dr.
 - c. An antlered deer (buck) maybe be harvested only after an antlerless deer is harvested. Once a participant harvested an antlerless deer and registers it, they will be provided an antlered (stamped) harvest tag or they may tag a antlered deer with an antlerless tag only if an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. These tags are only valid for the City of Onalaska Urban Deer Management Plan.
 - d. Participants will only be allowed to harvest one antlered deer during the extent of the hunt.
16. *Harvest Report* – Appendix F: Permit Holder must return the Harvest Report to City of Onalaska Parks Dept. 72 hours after registering a deer, of season end, or after hunt period (Public Lands Hunt). Failure to do so will cause loss of privilege as stated in City Ord. 11-2-1.
17. Hunters shall avoid and remove themselves from any harassing situation and immediately report said confrontation to the proper authority.

18. While participating in a City of Onalaska Urban Deer hunt, individuals should call the proper authorities pertaining to jurisdictional issues listed below:

<p>*For reporting Game Violations</p> <p>*For reporting hunter harassment</p> <p>WiDNR 1-800-847-9367</p>	<p>*For reporting trespassing, destruction of property, vandalism, etc.</p> <p>Onalaska Police Dept Non-Emergency 608-785-5940 Emergency - 911</p>
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19. A group or organization that is interested in managing the implementation of an archery hunt on property within the jurisdiction and as a part of the City of Onalaska Urban Deer Management Program must demonstrate to the City that it meets the following criteria:

- a. Must be registered as non-profit organization.
- b. May not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in the admission or access to membership and the related activities.
- c. Have access to or arrangements with archery ranges already working with the city with the required proficiency testing.
- d. Hunters must have completed and have in possession all permits and testing as listed in line item #1 in this section. If guides or mentors are used in the field with individual hunters, said guide or mentor must have filled out a City of Onalaska Urban Deer application and also have passed the city's bowhunter exam.
- e. Provide orientation meeting for each hunt location in coordination with City and WiDNR staff to review special hunt provisions and site information.
- f. Provide a hunt coordinator for each hunt to check hunters or alternates and to ensure compliance with hunt provisions.
- g. Provide City with summary of hunt results within 72 hours of hunt completion. Results will include the number of participants, number of deer removed by participants by date, number of shots taken, number of deer wounded and not retrieved, documentation of any incidents with non-hunters or landowners, gender and age of deer harvested, and any other information requested by the City and WiDNR staff.
- h. Starting in 2010, groups must notify the City by June 1 of interest to implement a deer management hunt within the City of Onalaska and provide verification that they can and will meet all of the above requirements and including a completed Appendix G – Special Group Hunt Application.